## COHPA / RW PART A

# PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

## Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Attendees: Alli Kulchar, Andrea Ropp, Audrey Regan, Cassandra Ackerman, Eddie Hamilton, Katie Kerr, Kevin Willis, Leah Bunck, Mary Roberts, Samyell Terry, Terry Theiss, Tonya Thurman, Sean Hubert, David Andrist, Kathie Sellers, Tanisha Pettus, Mario Sanchez, Alli Chrzanowski, Peggy Day, Justin C., Chris S., Dennis Collier, Sherry Inskeep, Francesca Schuman, Courtney Elrod, Adrian Neil Jr., Richard Turner, Paula Kalyn, Lynn Kidd, Leah Bruck, Laurie Rickert, Val-Christopher T., Graig Cote, Caitlin Kapper, Evan Robinson, Stacy Herman, Jean Tidd, Rhonda Holliburton, Voncile Williams, Lea Dooley, Emily Reinhart, Michelle Foster, Heather Freehan, Noelle Arduini, Melissa Kuhn, Don Terry, Jane Russell, John Henry, Tanisha Pettus, Steve Snyder-Hill, Dr. Bazan, John Cassady, Audrey Regan, Suban Egal,

### Meeting started at 12:45PM

Co-Chair Francesca Schuman started the meeting by welcoming the group. Everyone introduced themselves by name, agency and why they are coming to the Council meetings.

#### **Administrative Updates:**

Part A: Sean Hubert announced that David Andrist application for Co-Chair has been accepted and approved by Mayor Ginther's office. David will fill the vacant position of Medical Co-Chair of the COHPA Planning Council. During the meeting Sean also announced that Eddie Hamilton has resigned as the Prevention Co-Chair due to his commitment on working on the HIV issues on the national level. Sean presented Eddie with a Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work, dedication and support to the Council. In addition, Sean stated that the Prevention Co-Chair needs to be filled now and to please call him (#645-6522) or Mary Roberts (#645-6861 or meroberts@columbus.gov) for nomination suggestions. One can nominate someone or just nominate themselves.

Next COHPA meeting will be at our regular location, Carrie's Café, on 2-28-17.

Audrey Regan announced that the budget Council approved during the October meeting for FY 2017, needed to have a minor change. \$40,000 needed to be moved from EIS to the Medical Case Management budget. During the MCM COCONUT project it was identified that case aids will be needed and therefore more money would be needed in that category. Audrey assured everyone that this budget change would not affect services offered now. Audrey informed the group since it is a more than 10% budget change she needed the approval from Planning Council. Francesca explained Planning Council consensus process. Group voted and budget change was approved.

Sean explained to the group that currently 3 surveys are circling around. ODH send out one survey that is part of their 3y-needs assessment survey. This is their last of their 3- part survey and it was send out to the HIV provider community. The second assessment is an administration assessment by Columbus Public Health (CPH) to CPH partners. Some of the items that are addressed in the survey are the monitor process and contract negotiations. The last survey is specific to the COHPA meeting. Hard copies were handed out and everyone is encouraged to fill out that survey. This survey will be helpful for CPH to

identify how we can improve the council meetings. An online survey link will be send out with the minutes after the COHPA meeting as well. Sean encouraged folks to forward the link to others who were not able to be in the meeting today.

Sean informed the group that everyone who submitted a 2017 contract proposal should hear from CPH by the end of this week.

It is time to review council's by-laws. Sean asked the group for consensus to create an ad-hoc committee. Consensus was achieved. Sean asked who would like to participate on an ad-hoc committee to conduct review; Val, Graig, Jane and Lea volunteered. Sean will send out a doodle pole to group. Please sign up.

Case Management (Housing). Copies were send out electronically to the group last week. Questions on service limits for housing were addressed by Stacy Herman, CPH Housing Program Manager. Stacy explained that in 2017 housing units will be better defined, and non-medical case managers will be able to refer clients to the housing programs as well. Stacy also explained the concept of "double-dipping" of the request by Francesca. If a client is receiving HOPWA they are not able to receive RW Part A housing services. Stacy explained that it is best for clients to speak with their MCM and being upfront with their housing situation so the MCM is able to find the most appropriate solution to help the consumer. RW Part A is the payer of last resort. Caitlin asked for consensus to have documents approved. Consensus was achieved to approve documents.

Michael provided and update on the last OCGG meeting. Please find Michael's notes attached to the minutes.

Michael also explained that there will be an event committee meeting on 2-14-17 from 2P-3P at CPH for agencies to join and learn and give info on who is doing what in the community during any HIV Awareness days throughout the year. Please email or call Michael to get more info: #645-1513 or mkburnett@columbus.gov .

**Part B:** Laurie Rickert from ODH announced that ODH is going through some re-organization changes in care, prevention and surveillance. More info is to come on vacant positions.

ODH Intergraded Plan is work in progress. The steering committees see a lack of regional representation and lack of consumer representation.

This year will be a competitive grant cycle. MCM grant awards will be announced 3-1-17 and it will start on 4-1-17. It will include non-medical case manager funding. CVS contract will be posted 2-1-17. Current grant is good through June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Federal Poverty level (FPL) might increase. This information should be available by April 2017.

OHDAP opened formulary, narcotics and cosmetic meds are excluded.

**Part F:** Jane Russell from AETC Training Center announced that the STI's Conference will be held 4-26-17 at the Fawcett Center. More info to come on how to register.

**POZ updates:** Francesca announced that January POZ meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be as scheduled on 2-21-17. Moving forward, Francesca also would like to see if a time change and location change (possibly to Columbus Main Library) would spark a better attendance rate.

## **Updates:**

**Primary Prevention:** Michael announced that he is still working on a PrEP workgroup. Zach Reau has left Equitas Health and Merissa Hawkins is taking his place. Please contact Michael if you have any questions.

Robin Nau from Equitas Health announced that they are launching their Social Media Campaign and are preparing for the Black HIV Awareness Day. They are still working with Walgreen to offer more testing in various locations. Equitas Health will send out flyers soon.

**Testing Efforts:** Michael shared testing events for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day throughout the community. Flyer with info will be send out with meeting notes.

**Linkage to Care:** CPH L2C: Mary Roberts announced the CareLine # 614-645-2273 is being more utilized by the community. Consumers moving from various states to OH call the CareLine prior to moving here to get services started.

**Retention in Care:** Katie Kerr from CPH introduced her new employee, John Cassady, who will be the new data-to-care DIS. Katie will collaborate with ODH to retrieve retention in care data. More info to come. Caitlin Kapper from CPH thanked everyone throughout the MCM Network moving forward with the Project COCONUT outcome implementation. Caitlin will contact agencies soon to assist in implementing new forms.

Research: David Andrist from OSU/AETC announced that in honor of Women's Health Month OSU/ACTU is holding a dinner and dialogue for women on 2-28-2017 from 6-8PM at the James Cancer Hospital. If you would like additional flyers for this event please contact David. In addition, the REPRIEVE Study is available: Please contact David if you have anyone you would like to refer of have the client call David. Flyers are available. Please contact David if you would like more for your agency. The ACUTE Infection Study is available as well. If you have someone who you think qualifies please send David info. PrEP study is open now. Flyers are available. Please contact David if you would like flyers or have interested clients that would like to enter the study.

**Advocacy:** Adrian Neil from OAC announced that he is accepting abstracts for the upcoming Positive Youth Leadership Summit. In addition, Adrian announced that this will be his last COHPA meeting. He has accepted a position in Washington DC. We all wish him well in his new venture.

Other topics: Francesca announced that POZ has changed their meeting schedule to coincide with COHPA. POZ is only meeting during the months that COHPA meets. Meeting is still the third Tuesday of the month at Carrie's Café. Mary Roberts announced that there are still opening for the Local Matters cooking class. Please have clients call the CareLine# if interested. Leah Bruck from POH announced that clients eat at Carrie's Café for free. MCM who bring clients to the café can eat for 30% off. Please see them for a discount card. It is not necessary to show ID. Francesca stated that POH is still in need of volunteers; especially for Tuesdays when their truck needs to be unloaded. POH BINGO is being played at Carrie's Café every Tuesday from 12-1PM. It is a lot of fun and consumers can win prizes. If anyone has items they would like to donate to that cause please contact Leah.

## Michael's Report

## OCPG Report

- ODH Updates (January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting)
  - Vacancies at ODH include Prevention Manager, Expanded Testing Site Coordinator, Researcher III, Data Analyst, and CTR Coordinator.
  - ODH is doing an internal review to look at vacancies, turnover rate, and potential staffing changes.
  - If new staff is hired that need to be trained in CTR, the employee can provide testing services after being trained by the agency. Michael will update the membership as information comes available.
  - ODH is partnering with Equitas Health to provide PrEP assistance in the form of assistance with labs and obtaining meds at wholesale price.
  - ODH is seeking input in regards to how to communicate information from the Integrated Plan as well as how to engage the membership.
  - Volunteers are needed to serve on the Integrated Plan worksgroup, which include:
    - Goal 1A: Create an Ohio Care Continuum
    - Goal 1B: Improve Data Sharing between Programs
    - Goal 2: Improve the Implementation of Linkage to Care
    - Goal 3: Increase the Availability of Targeted HIV Testing
    - Goal 4: Ensure the Statewide Availability of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
    - Goal 5: Address Housing Needs for PLWHA in Ohio
    - Goal 6: Continue and expand the Ryan White All-Parts Statewide Quality Management Program
    - Goal 7 & 8: Target Health Inequities

#### Bylaws

 A workgroup is being formed to revise the bylaws to reflect the integrated plan. If you're interested in working on the committee, please contact Michael Burnett at 614-645-1513 or mkburnett@columbus.gov.

## Next Meeting

- Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm at the State Library of Ohio
- With Hepatitis C Awareness Day in May, the focus of the meeting will be on Hepatitis C. The presentation will include a review of the HCV epidemic in Ohio, what ODH is doing in regards to HCV testing, treatment

options, and a panel discussion of the Hepatitis C programs in Ohio that are sponsored by Gilead.

## Events Workgroup

- As a result of the WAD debriefing, a COHPA workgroup is being formed on a rolling basis. This is being done to move from a reactive to proactive approach. This will allow testing agencies to avoid duplication of services, combine resources, and enhance collaboration.
- Membership is encouraged to participate. Workgroup members do not have to participate in planning for every awareness day and may elect to only participate during selected events. Chair is needed for each awareness day or event.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm at CPH in Room 119E.

## PrEP Workgroup

Francesca Schumann, CO-CHAIR

 Merissa Hawkins will be replacing Zack Reau as lead for the statewide PrEP initiative. Michael and Merissa are meeting soon to discuss next steps and will report at the next COHPA meeting

CPH has requested additional funds for PrEP social media campaign.

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